

## GRAND JURY WILL REPORT MONDAY IN LAND DEAL INQUIRY

Indictments, if Filed, Likely to Be Based on Mulcting of City Out of \$700,000.

The Extraordinary Grand Jury impaneled by Justice Goff upon the order of Gov. Whitman has finished its investigation into the purchase of land for public improvements by the city since Mayor Mitchell and Comptroller Prendergast became connected with the municipal government. Foreman Cammann will file the findings of the Grand Jury Monday.

It is reported by those familiar with the progress of the inquiry that charges of neglect of duty on the part of two public officials and conspiracy on the part of others, with the two public officials through which the city was mulcted out of \$700,000, have been made out before the inquiring body.

City records submitted to the Grand Jury show that another prominent city official who was active in the negotiations for the purchase of the Seaside Park site at West Rockaway, the Dreamland Park site at Coney Island and the Marginal Railroad property in South Brooklyn, all properties sold to the city through the efforts of former State Senator William H. Reynolds, now under indictment for perjury in connection with the inquiry, was absent when the right vote for the acquisition of these properties was taken by the Board of Estimate.

It is the theory of District Attorney Swann and his assistants, Messrs. Black and Kilroe, in charge of the investigation, that the crimes indicated by the evidence do not come within the statute of limitations, namely, two and five years, because of the fact that subsequent events and failure on the part of the city officials to remedy the alleged frauds make them liable as in the case of a crime continued to the present time.

Indictments, if filed, will, it is understood, be based upon the acquisition of the Seaside Park site by the city. District Attorney Swann is advocating a taxpayer's suit to recover the excessive profit alleged to have been made by Reynolds and his companions on this site, declared that \$700,000 had been mulcted from the city.

## COUNT KEPT WIFE'S MONEY 'FOR HER GOOD,' HE SAYS

Thought She Was Extravagant, Sackey Testifies, After Rebuke From Court.

Count Albert Sackey, the German with a Russian title, an Austrian army commission and an American accent, spent an uncomfortable morning on the witness stand before Supreme Court Justice Ford and a jury, where Mrs. Sackey is suing to recover \$22,000 she says she gave her husband to invest, but which she charges he diverted to his own use.

Every time the Count was asked a question by the attorney for his wife he made a speech in French. At last Sackey objected to the manner in which he was questioned.

"Oh, you object, do you?" said Justice Ford. "It isn't for you to criticize this lawyer. You're talking altogether too much. Now keep still."

The testimony showed a credit of \$100,000 on the Count's brokerage house statement shortly after he married Mrs. Sackey. He was questioned regarding certain amounts which belonged to his wife, but which he failed to give her, and replied that he withheld the money for her own good.

"You thought your wife was too extravagant and that's why you didn't give her her own money?" was asked.

"Well, yes, that was it," replied the Count.

## BIG FINES LAID ON LILLE IN RAPID SUCCESSION

Mayor's Letter Reveals Nobility With Which French Met German Extortion.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A copy of the following letter from Charles De La Salle, Mayor of Lille, France, to the German General in Chief, von Gravenitz, in reply to an extortionate demand, has reached here:

"Hardly had we repaid the balance of the imposed tax of 24,000,000 (probably francs) when you asked for a new payment of 22,000,000. During the first year of your occupancy, when Lille was still in possession of the greater part of its resources, you claimed the sum of 22,000,000, during the second year the sum of 20,000,000, and during the third year, when the city was in dire distress, you doubled the tribute and raised it to 60,000,000.

"If only my personal safety and that of a few officials were imperiled I would not hesitate emphatically to refuse demands which seemed to me to be an abuse by force and violence of right. But the fate of a population weakened by three years of privation is at stake and I have not the courage to expose it to new cruelties.

"In consequence I beg to state that the city of Lille will pay the new contribution of 22,000,000 francs, but she will pay them under duress."

## TWO OBJECTORS CONVICTED.

Cheyney and Fraulin Preached Defiance of Draft Law.

Edward Rabin Cheyney and Louis C. Fraulin, conscientious objectors, were convicted today for having attempted to impede the Selective Draft by preaching sedition and advising men of conscription age to refuse to answer the summons. The verdict was announced in the Federal Court of the United States Judge Robert T. Drury.

Cheyney, the son of Prof. Cheyney of the University of Pennsylvania, and Fraulin were arrested in Labor Temple at 14th Street and Second Avenue on Sept. 27, while speaking to a gathering of conscientious objectors. Punishment may be a sentence of two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

## WRIT FOR ELECTION BOARD

Must Show Cause for Rejecting Petitions of Queens Candidates.

An order was issued by Justice Van Sicken in Queens today directing the Board of Election to show cause tomorrow before Justice Callaghan in the Kings County Supreme Court why the nominations for County Clerk and Comptroller in Queens should not be accepted. Both the Republican and Democratic Parties of Queens have filed independent nominating petitions for County Clerk and Comptroller, but up to date the Board of Elections has refused to accept them.

## "Over the Top" Empey Says 3,000,000 Americans Will Go and Win in Three Years

Soldier Writer Sounds Clarion Call to Yankee Soldiers and Whole Nation—With Millions of Americans in Trenches, Then Kaiser and German Army Will "Squel Like Stuck Pigs"—Invokes Mosaic Law of "An Eye for an Eye and a Tooth for a Tooth" in Fighting the Boches.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

"SAMMIE, old boy, you're going over and lick hell out of Germany, give Kaiser Bill and his efficiency stuff such a wallop that there won't be enough ass left to fill one of his baby-killing bags called Zeppelins. Sammie, old boy, you've never been licked yet, and you're getting too old to learn new habits.

The old folks at home are proudly watching you, so come through and make this little old world sit up and take notice, as you can do it!"

Clear as a bugle note, tersely, truculently American as Mark Twain, sounded this call to the U. S. fighting man, as I heard it from the lips of Sgt. Arthur Guy Empey, author of "Over the Top," the new truth about the trenches. His newer book, "The First Call," is about to be published, and it was the foreword which he quoted when I asked him for a message for the American boys who are ready to travel his road. Because, for a year and a half, Sgt. Empey served in the British Army as a bomber and machine gunner, served until three bullets in the Battle of the Somme sent him back invalided to his own country and to the mother and sister waiting for him in Brooklyn.

THE crassness of one of those bullet dents his smooth brown cheek, three inches above the deep dimple that comes with his swift, warm, boyish smile. For despite—perhaps because—of the sixteen years of adventuring which preceded his enlistment in the great war, he is delightfully, incredibly an American boy in looks. Rather under the average in height, he has not a wrinkle, not a haggard shadow. Only a certain tenseness in his golden brown glance, a certain involuntary knitting of the level brows as he talks, suggests Kipling's returned soldier and his grim wisdom—you remember—

"There's without people, ten times took, an' the lines an' and burned a face. An' started to that come to face. For when you're a soldier, you're a soldier."

An' the note that took an old man's eye, an' you're young, an' you're old. An' you're old, an' you're young. These are the things which make you old."

"It will take three years to win the war," Sgt. Empey told me. "We shall need 3,000,000 Americans in the trenches. But we're going to win. There's no possible question about that. And our boys are going to give a splendid account of themselves."

"THE men over there are tired. They can't help it. We shall go over, with Yankee kick, Yankee get-up, and when there's not a few thousands but a million of us in the trenches we shall make the Kaiser squeal like a stuck pig. America is like the man that had to have his nose pulled before he would fight—but then, Lord! how he fought!"

"The German is going to give it to us good and plenty, but he will squeal and quit when he's hurt. Bullly that he is, brute that he is, he howls under punishment. And he has no respect for humane treatment. If you try to be kind and decent to a German prisoner he sneers at you. If you make him march in front of you and prod him with a bayonet all the way, he draws his heels together and salutes you when he reaches the detention camp."

And then, in his pleasant, husky voice, Sgt. Empey said something which I wish could be hammered into the brain of everybody on the side of the Allies.

"We have got to fight the German as the German fights," he declared, out of hard-won knowledge. "Every time he bombs a defenseless city—Bomb one of his cities! Every time he shoots a woman—shoot a German woman! An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. There is no other way."

"We don't yet really realize that we are at war. We shall realize it when we read the casualty lists. Then, when for each of us the war means his sorrow, his pain—why then we shall make a mighty resolve to end this thing as soon as we can and end it right by annihilating Germany. I don't say the Kaiser alone, for we're fighting the German people and don't you forget it!"

"HOW did it seem to get back to New York?" I asked the man who has been "over the top."

"It was like going from a boiler factory into a sound-proof room," he smiled. "For a time I couldn't get used to the quiet of the streets."

The smile dropped into the first hint of bitterness I had seen in the face of Sgt. Empey.

"In one way, coming back was—well, disagreeable," he said slowly. "I landed here six months ago. Of course they took me around to the restaurants and cabarets. Men and women were drinking, dancing and applauding singers and



ARTHUR GUY EMPEY

musicians. Over in France men were dying—with no applause. In London women were weeping over casualty lists. If you'd asked one of those Broadway restaurant girls to knit she'd have turned up her nose. I couldn't help feeling that it was a shame to invite men to go out and fight and die for parasites.

"But more American women than men are awake to the war," he added in enthusiastic accents for his criticisms. "The women are splendid! They want to work and they want to use their brains. They can do a lot. Fifty per cent of this war is going to be won by women. There's the Red Cross work, and buying Liberty Bonds, and stimulating recruiting, and taking care of food supplies. It's the spirit of the women that counts with the men. It's in the hands of each woman whether her family shall be patriots or slackers."

"WE MUST have universal military service in this country. We must be able to put ten million fighting men in the field in six months. We must have an army, a navy and a darned good man at the top. That's the only way we'll ever be sure of peace."

"And I believe in the American mother!" Sgt. Empey exclaimed with unalloyed fervor. "I've got the best mother in the world, and the best sister. My mother is a patriot. When I was in the hospital in England, and they thought I was dying, she wrote me. 'If you must die, remember that I shall always be very proud of you.' I'm going back as a correspondent—the only way they'll take me—and I'm going to write my next book about the American mother, but I'll be for the American mother!"

"How do you feel about the war as a whole?" I asked his most ruthlessly clear-eyed chronicler. "Is there anything good to say of it?"

"The war has been the salvation of humanity," he answered earnestly. "It's a horror, and yet I've seen it make men of men. It is bringing together the English speaking peoples. It is spreading democracy; in the trenches the only thing that counts about a man is what he is. He finds a wonderful comradeship, and he loses his grouch. I've been asked why I put so much comedy in 'Over the Top'—that's why. 'And the tragedy,' I reminded him. 'What were the worst things you had to endure?'"

"The worst was having a mate," he said simply. "The next hardest thing was lying in safety in a rest trench and watching my friends being shelled on the line."

"WELL, it is not a pink tea," Sgt. Empey has summed up, "but in a war-time cause like ours, mud, rats, cooties, shells, wounds or death itself are far outweighed by the deep sense of satisfaction felt by the men who do his bit. There is one thing my experience taught me that might help the boys who have to go. It is this—anticipation is far worse than realization. In civil life a man stands in awe of the man above him, wonders how he could ever fill his job. When the time comes he rises to the occasion, is up and at it, and is surprised to find how much more capable than he anticipated he really is. He takes responsibility. It is really so with these men. He has nerve for the hardships, the interest of the work grips him; he finds relief in the fun and comradeship of the trenches, and gets that best sort of happiness that comes with duty done."

## SOLDIER'S WILL WRITTEN ON SWEETHEART'S PICTURE

Found on Him After Death in Trenches, It Is Offered for Probate.

LONDON, Oct. 5 (By Mail).—A strange "French will" was offered in the courts for probate today.

Before going into a action at Ypres, Lieut. Joseph Child wrote his will on the back of a photograph of his sweetheart. The will consisted of one sentence: "In the event of my death, I leave my efforts and money to this young lady."

The photograph was found on his body. Investigation finally established that it was the likeness of his sweetheart, Miss Mary Pickles of Yorkshire.

## POTATOES GET NEW WINGS.

Go to \$4.85 a Barrel in Maine and Won't Stop There.

BOULTON, Me., Oct. 18.—Potatoes sold for \$4.85 a barrel in Arrowsmith County today, the highest price ever recorded for this season of the year. A year ago the price was \$3 a barrel. Dealers look for even higher prices, as indications are, they say, that the demand will considerably exceed the supply.

## FRENCH AVIATORS SHOOT DOWN 11 GERMAN PLANES

Thirty German Machines Make New Raid on Nancy, Killing Civilians.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—Eleven German airplanes were shot down by the French yesterday or driven to earth in the German lines in damaged condition, the War Office reports. Nancy was again attacked, this time by a squadron of thirty German machines. The announcement follows:

"At about 6 o'clock yesterday evening thirty enemy airplanes made a new raid over Nancy and threw several bombs. There were some victims among the civilian population."

"On Oct. 17 six German airplanes were destroyed and five fell disabled in the German lines."

"Our aviators carried out several bombing sorties. Many projectiles were dropped on railroad stations at Courcelles, Thionville, Metz and Wamille, factories at Torgon and on numerous munitions depots and bivouacs."

## Prussian Higher Command Alarmed Over Loss of Their Ships.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD.

## THE FIELD, Sept. 28 (By Mail).—Realizing that Germany is facing a Waterloo in the air, the Prussian Higher Command has given orders that battleplanes must be conserved in accordance with the strictest economy, lest the ever-increasing Armada of Allied aircraft sweep them from the skies.

German airmen seldom venture over the British lines while a strong east wind is blowing. To do so would mean that engine trouble or any slight derangement of a plane would force a landing on this side of "No Man's Land." To the contrary, they try to lure British airmen over on their side of the trenches when a strong west wind is blowing.

For the past few weeks the British have forced the fighting. Germany is putting out aeroplanes as fast as she can. Sometimes quality is sacrificed for quantity, and then her own airmen have to pay with their lives.

## GERMANS ONLY HALF FED.

Hoover Sees Serious and Permanent Results in Their Nations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Figures on the German weekly food ration were made public by the food administration today with the observation that it is far below the amount required to obtain bodily health and vigor, and is likely to have serious and permanent results.

Computed in terms of American house-keeping, the weekly ration amounts approximately to 4½ pounds of bread, a half peck of potatoes, a cupful of beans, peas or oatmeal; a half pound of meat, twelve cubes of sugar, six individual portions of butter and an equal amount of other fats. The calorie value of these foods in the aggregate is less than half the amount estimated by the food administration as sufficient for a person in a sedentary occupation.

## DOWNFALL OF SONNINO CABINET IS THREATENED

Political Crisis in Italy Caused by Fuel and Food Shortage and Growing Unrest.

ROME, Oct. 18.—A serious political crisis, which may cause the downfall of the Sonnino Ministry, has been precipitated by Arturo Labriola, leader of the Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies.

Labriola, in a speech, attacked the Sonnino Cabinet, particularly charging it with responsibility for the fuel and food shortage, as well as the growing unrest.

Speculation is widespread on the possibility of Signor Nitti being summoned by the King to form a new Ministry.

## 62 KRUPP EMPLOYEES PLACED UNDER ARREST

Accused of the Theft of High Speed Steel—Sensation Promised.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—The Krupp firm is prosecuting sixty-two persons, many of them its own employees, for large thefts of high-speed steel, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

A special court has been instituted at Essen to conduct the trial, which promises important developments.

## GERMANY TO ATTACK NEW RUSSIAN ISLANDS

Further Steps to Be Taken for Control of the Gulf of Finland.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 18.—Naval and military operations against the Aland Islands possibly may be the next step in German strategy.

Indications of such a measure are found in the strategic discussion of the Osel Island campaign in various German newspapers, which point out the desirability of sewing up the Gulf of Finland by acquiring the bases to the north as well as to the south of the entrance.

The Aland Islands, of which there are eighty, are in the Gulf of Bothnia, north of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

## CASE IN \$6,000 POLICE JOB.

Woods' Secretary Sworn as Special Deputy Commissioner.

Henry Jay Case, private secretary to Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, was today sworn in by Chief Clerk Kipp as a special deputy police commissioner at a salary of \$6,000 a year. This is the office recently created by the Legislature for the period of the war, and the duties of the incumbent have to do with the direction of special police work caused by war conditions. For the time being, Mr. Case will also be in charge of the work of Deputy Commissioner Frank Lord as head of the traffic squad.

Harvey C. McClintock, who has been complaining clerk at headquarters for some time past, has been promoted to the position made vacant by Mr. Case's appointment.



Mitchel wants every child to have a full-time education.

## How Mitchel is doing away with part-time in the schools—

FOR twenty years thousands of our children have been getting only three and three-quarter hours' schooling a day instead of five. This is a condition New York should be ashamed of, for every American child is entitled to a first-class free education.

Mitchel inherited from Tammany an outfit of school-buildings so inadequate that there were 117,000 children on part-time and double-session in the elementary schools in 1914.

He found it would cost \$40,000,000 to provide new schools for them and the growing population, and the city didn't have the money.

But he made up his mind something would have to be done.

He found a school superintendent in Gary, Indiana—Mr. Wirt, who had acquired a national reputation in carrying out a new idea for children's education.

He believed that the children of the public schools were entitled to an all-around education like that given the children of the well-to-do in private schools.

For instance, in private schools they not only teach reading, writing, arithmetic, etc., but they have carpentry, clay modeling, picture-lectures and gardening.

They have gymnasiums, tanks for swimming, and other things that train the body as well as the brain.

Mr. Wirt found that by making the school-day six hours instead of five, and by changing the buildings slightly, he could do all this and still save money.

So the Fusion administration told him to go ahead and make the experiment.

The result is that part-time has been greatly reduced and will be entirely eliminated if Mitchel stays on the job.

The children of the so-called "Gary Schools" learn more easily because the variety of the work keeps their minds fresh and interested.

Every one of them is getting the all-around education that formerly was reserved for private-school children only.

Tammany, for purely political reasons, is against the new system, just as it is against anything and everything that Mitchel stands for.

The point for voters to remember is: Mitchel is trying out this "Work-Study-Play" System—

First—because he wants every child to have a full-time education.

Second—because he wants the public schools to give to every child, free, the same education that the well-to-do pay for in private schools.

If you want your children to have the best possible education of mind and body vote and work for Mitchel and Fusion.

**Remember**

—that Mitchel in order to make good must have behind him a working majority of the Board of Estimate.

Here is the Fusion ticket and the number of votes each will cast in the Board:

Mitchel, as Mayor	3 votes
Prendergast, as Comptroller	3 "
Adamson, Pres. Board Aldermen	3 "

Borough Presidents

Marks—Manhattan	2 votes
Pounds—Brooklyn	2 "
Whittle—Bronx	1 vote
Cannon—Richmond	1 "
Higbie—Queens	1 "

Note the names and vote for those running in your borough!

## Keep Mitchel on the job!

### Fusion Committee of 1917

### How to Vote the Fusion Ticket

To vote for Mitchel and the entire Fusion Ticket, put a cross (X) alongside every Bull's Eye on the ballot.

Don't rub out or otherwise erase your ballot. If you make a mistake, return your ballot and ask for a new one. You are entitled to it.

**For Friday,**

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**Negligees,**

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This negligee with heavy silk cord and tassels has deep pockets, scalloped shawl sailor collar and turned-back cuffs, hand embroidered in silk. In new shades of cherry, blue, pink or copen; Friday and Saturday only.

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